अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के छात्रों के लिये छात्रावास

1391. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के ऐसे कुल कितने छात्र हैं जिन्हें छात्रावास की सुविधाएं उपलब्ध करायी गई हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार इनकी इस संख्या को पर्याप्त मानती है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इन वर्गों के कम से कम 25 प्रतिशत छात्रों को छात्रावास की सुविधाएं प्रदान करने की व्यवस्था करने का विचार रखती है ताकि वे अपनी पढ़ाई में पूरी तरह ध्यान दे सकें और अपने व्यक्तित्व का विकास कर सकें ?

कल्याण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्रीमती सुमति उरांव): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

New item "Bucketful and Trickles"

1392. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item under the caption "Bucketful and Trickles" which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of the 3rd July, 1988;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted; and

(c) if so, what are the findings thereof and what action has been taken against the concerned persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The complaint, however, relates to milk booth No. 629 and not 692. In this regard, an enquiry was conducted by Mother Dairy, Delhi.

(c) No irregularities were found in the functioning of the booth. Shri D. R. Gulati, the complainant was contacted by the officials of Mother Dairy in the course of enquiry. Shri Gulati, after having seen the functioning of the booth himself, had expressed his satisfaction in his letter to the Editor which appeared in the Delhi Edition of "The Indian Express" dated the 10th July, 1988.

Agricultural Accidents in Punjab

1393. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people affected by agricultural accidents in Punjab during the last two years; and

(b) what was the compensation provided to the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) 8578.

(b) Rs. 2,02,29,777. (Rupees two crores two lakhs twenty nine thousands seven hundred and seventy seven).

Cattle Died due to Drought

1394. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cattle died due to the current drought conditions, State-wise;

(b) the special scheme to provide financial assistance to State and other help to owners of such cattle, replacement of their live stock so that their agricultural and dairing activities are hampered; and

(c) the number of persons benefited under this scheme in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No death of livestock due to starvation has been reported by the State Governments. However, livestock have died due to old-age, malnutrition, diseases and other causes in drought-affected States. Such deaths were: Rajasthan—68,887; Gujarat—39,647; Maharashtra—4,854 and Kerala—26. Other States have not reported such deaths.

(b) No assistance is provided for replacement of livestock under drought relief programme. However, financial help is available for purchasing fresh stock under Plan programme like Integrated Rural Development Programme, Special Livestock Breeding Programme, etc.

(c) In the wake of drought 1987-88, the Central Government sanctioned financial grants for cattle conservation and fodder production to various drought-affected States. The State of Tamil Nadu was granted Rs. 87.50 lakhs for fodder production under a Contingency Plan, through which 19,978 small and marginal farmers were benefited.

सांसदों को कार्यालय के लिये स्थान तथा अन्य सुविधाओं का दिया जाना

1395. **श्री सत्यपाल मलिक** : क्या **संसदीय कार्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सांसदों को कार्यालय के लिए स्थान तथा कार्यालय सम्बन्धी अन्य सुविधाएं प्रदान करने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री ए च०के०एल० भगत) : (क) और (ख) संसद सदस्यों को विभिन्न सुविधाएं संसद सदस्य वेतन और भत्ता संबंधी संयुक्त समिति की सिफारिशों के आधार पर दी जाती हैं। संयुक्त समिति ने सदस्यों को भत्ते और कार्यालय सुविधाएं दिए जाने के सम्बन्ध में कुछ सिफारिशें की है। इन सिफारिशों पर कार्रवाई की जा रही है।

Telecast of Serial 'Amir Khusro'

1396. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the criticism of serial 'Ameir Khusro' on Doordarshan as it distorts history by supporting the invasion on Temple of Somnath and commenting on Aryans as invaders; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The Government have received some letters alleging distrortion of facts in the serial 'Amir Khusro'. A petition was filed in the Court for restraining Doordarshan from telecast of this serial. But the Hon'ble Court dismissed the case. The telecast of the serial continues.

Check on Nutritional Values of Fast Foods

1397. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a fast food boon in India which has been triggered by Defence Food Research Laboratory as published in 'the Sunday Observer' 3—9 July, 1988;

(b) whether any check on nutritional values of many fast foods are being conducted as compared with the original value of food before processing and if so, details thereof; and